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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: S. Mori et al.

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**LETTER**

Applicants previously filed an Amendment and attachments on April 15, 2005, via Express Mail. Because Applicants have not received either a Notice of Allowance or an Advisory Action, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment filed on April 15, 2005, and submit a copy of the Amendment and attachments, including the three sheets of Reference Figures (marked "COPY") solely for the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are

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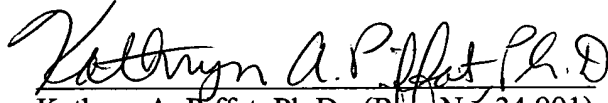
It is believed that all outstanding rejections have been addressed by this submission and that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

Applicants have already filed a two-month extension of time and fee. Applicants hereby request an additional one-month extension of time for the RCE and accompanying materials.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 for the appropriate fee or to credit any overpayments thereof. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 18, 2005



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